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10 CENTS PEN WEEK

WAR IN EARNEST.

Greek Fleet Attacks Preveza by Order of the Greek Government.

WAR DECLARED AND ACCEPTED

Battle Raging at Milonni Pass—20,000 Men Engaged—Diplomatic Relations Severed Between Greece and Turkey.

TURKISH FORTS DESTROYED.

The Greeks Take Possession of Preveza and are Advancing on Filippida.

Corfu, April 19.—Today at noon the Greeks at the time of sending this dispatch are advancing on Filippida, northwest of Arta. Eight hundred Greek troops are ready to land at Preveza, the Turkish fortified position at the north entrance to the gulf of Ambracia. The crew of the steamer were saved by boats from the shore, but the captain of the Macedonia was severely wounded.

Upon receipt of this news, the Greek government sent orders to the Greek fleet in the gulf of Ambracia to bombard Preveza. Consequently, the bombardment of Preveza commenced at 6 o'clock Sunday morning. Preveza, which is in Epirus, and eighteen miles from Arta, is strongly fortified.

The Turkish minister here, Assim Bay, has asked for his passport. They have been handed him, and he has left Athens for Constantinople.

The German minister at Athens, Baron von Plessen, has undertaken to protect Turkish interests in Greece during the severance of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The Greek minister at Constantinople, Prince Maurocordato, has been recalled. Through-out the day there were scenes of extraordinary excitement here. The streets were crowded with people, eagerly discussing the outbreak of war, and the probable outcome. The general feeling was one of satisfaction at the relief from the irritating tension of the past few weeks, which had gradually become almost unendurable, and which is ended at last by overt acts, it is contended here, on the part of Turkey.

The Greeks hold that it was an attempt upon the part of the Turkish forces to occupy a strategic position near Mount Athos, far from Nezeros, in the neutral zone, which led to the encounter on Friday between the Greeks and the Turks. It is believed the battle tomorrow (Monday) will be of a decisive character.

Turkish reports just received say the whole Milonni pass is now in possession of the Turks who carried the Greek block house at the point of the bayonet.

It is stated they hold the entire pass and all commanding heights from Nezeros to Patapayava, as well as the defiles. The Turkish losses so far reported are thirty killed and fifty wounded. The Associated Press correspondent counted 100 Greek corpses on one hill opposite the Turkish position. The Turks declare the Greeks were drunk during today's fight. Kenan Bey returned from Karya where fighting is in progress, and says he counted nearly 1000 dead Greeks. The Turks lost 300.

War News at Washington.

Washington, April 19.—The state department has received a cable from United States Minister Terrell at Constantinople, concerning the Greek-Turkish war. In main it recites the situation as already known and concluded as follows: "The Turkish troops are scattered along the border of Messaly, and cannot quickly concentrate for decisive battle. This may enable the Greek army to fight them in detail."

Still Fighting at Reventi.

Athens, April 19.—Dispatches from Tarnavo northwest of Larissa report fighting near Reventi and Bouzouza which lasted throughout Sunday. The Greeks captured two Turkish posts, one of which was retaken by the Turks. The fighting is desperate, hand to hand. It is reported that the Greeks advanced into the Damaz plain and occupied Vigilia after capturing a Turkish battery. At last accounts the Turks were trying to recapture it.

The United States Officially Notified.

Washington, April 19.—The Turkish minister formally notified the state department today of the severance of diplomatic relations between Turkey and Greece, expressly saying, however, that no declaration of war was issued, until this official step was taken. Hostilities along the frontier are regarded as preliminary to the movements to secure the strategic positions. It is more, not actual war. Until war was formally declared the United States can take no official notice of events transpiring. The United States senate took up the Indian appropriation bill and agreed to the amendments for two additional judges in the Indian territory. After further consideration the senate passed the Indian appropriation bill, then went into executive session on the arbitration treaty. A proposition to vote on the treaty, May 5, at 4 p.m., was agreed to.

Fighting on the Frontier.

Athens, April 19.—Firing recommended this morning between the Greeks and Turks at several points along the frontier. Col. Manos, at the head of 36,000 Greeks, crossed the river Arakaphos on the frontier of Epirus, entering that part of Albania after having driven back the Turkish outpost.

Prince Nicholas to the Front.

Bombay, April 19.—A dispatch from

"Turkey," said M. Delyannis, "declares war against us. We accept it."

This statement was received with prolonged cheers from the galleries and the floor of the chamber.

The premier then read dispatches relating the events which had happened on the frontier; and with reference to the reported capture of Menoxa, he said that the batteries at that important position had been brought into action, but he knew nothing as to its alleged capture.

Inhabitants of Elasmania flee.

Elasmania, April 19.—This town which is the headquarters of the Turkish army in Macedonia, has been deserted by the inhabitants who have fled northward, fearing fighting between the Turks and Greeks will extend to this place.

Thinks Greece Cannot Win.

London, April 19.—Despite the fact that it is a holiday there is great activity at the foreign offices. Sir Thomas Sanderson, secretary, informed the Associated Press that the powers have not yet decided to interfere in the war between Greece and Turkey. He added that the Greeks have little chance of winning.

The Bulgarian Alliance.

St. Petersburg, April 19.—Referring to the formation of an alliance between Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro, it is semi-officially stated that the alliance is not only for the protection of governments named against Turkey and Austria but against the Panhellenic aspiration in the Balkan peninsula and therefore, it is added Greece can't count on any support from the countries indicated. Moreover their ministers have positively assured Russia that they will maintain strict neutrality.

WHEAT BOOMING.

The Effect of the War Excitements Sends Up the Prices.

Chicago, April 19.—The war news sent wheat skyward. May sold high as 78 at the opening of the board of trade and advanced 4½ cents over closing figures of Saturday and 8¾ over the lowest price of that day. Trading at the start today was all the way from 77 to 78. It steadied around to 77½ then suddenly plunged down without a stop to 75½.

Equally as quick came a rally and followed to 77½, then slumped to 77¾ but at 10:30 was comparatively steady around 76¾.

In the last quarter of an hour the market which before had been jumping about in the most erratic fashion became stagnant and May closed at 75. The principal forces at work during the most of the session, causing rapid fluctuation in buying by commission houses for outsiders' accounts and selling by holders of long property to realize the handsome profits in sight.

About 11 o'clock May plunged downward to 74½ and jumped to 75½ and broke as quickly to 74½ again.

New York, April 19.—The European war news caused a feverish excitement in wheat. Curb price for May was 82¾, an advance of three cents since Saturday.

Regular trading on exchange opened amid a tremendous tumult at 82½ and jumped to 83, rose slightly and bounded to 83½ all within five minutes then pursued an irregular erratic course.

SUNDAY FIRES.

There was a Blaze on North Monroe Street but the Damage was Slight—Gasoline Stove Exploded.

The West Main street crew of the fire department was called to the home of Will Penwell on North Monroe street yesterday afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock. There was a little blaze in the house but the fire did not amount to much and was easily extinguished. A mattress a sewing machine and some furniture in a small room was burned but the house itself was not damaged. It was not known exactly how the fire started but as a window was up it was believed that a spark from a neighboring house set fire to the bed clothing in the room.

A gasoline stove in a room in the building at the southwest corner of Lincoln and Monroe was set afire and the gasoline caught fire and blazed up. The firemen were notified and were ready to start but the blaze was put out and the firemen did not go.

Broker Chapman Gets His Sentence.

Washington, April 19.—The supreme court has refused the application for a writ of certiorari and habeas corpus, by E. H. Chapman, broker, who refused to testify in the senatorial sugar speculation investigation as to whether senators speculated in sugar stocks while the Wilson tariff bill was pending. The sentence of the supreme district court of thirty days in jail and \$100 fine was affirmed.

Excitement at New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., April 19.—The citizens fear the effects of the flood on the levees and notwithstanding the authorities insist no danger exists, they held several mass meetings, pledging all the money needed. This result in the board

Larissa says the Greeks occupy three important positions near Menoxa. Prince Nicholas, of Greece, has been ordered to the frontier to take command of the battle. Seven hundred Greek irregulars landed at Syrako Epirus, and are marching on Filippida. Numerous bands of Greek irregulars have entered Epirus.

The Greek Assembly Adjourns.

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Secretary Sherman is not altogether in accord with the proposition to send Mr. Day to Cuba. He believes that the representative of the department should be a Spanish-speaking law clerk, who could follow out cross-examination to the proper end. Nevertheless, Mr. Day's appointment has been decided upon, and, in spite of the mild protest of Minister De Lome he will receive a commission, which will give him personal protection.

There is no doubt remaining that the

purpose of President McKinley is to de-

pend upon Mr. Day's personal examin-

ation almost exclusively for the determi-

nation of the successive steps in the Cuban

policy of the administration. Judge Day will go to Havana without any specific

instructions, but simply as the confi-

dential adviser of the president, and what-

ever his advice may be after looking over

the ground it is pretty certain to be fol-

lowed by President McKinley, who has

the most unbounded confidence in Judge

Day's ability and honesty of purpose.

The real aim of the administration is to

secure a bloodless settlement of the Cuban

question. If an opportunity is offered

to open negotiations with the insurgents

chiefs on the basis of buying the inde-

pendence of the island. Judge Day will be

sent to the city. By this arrangement

there would be a great saving of power

as the water would not have to run down

the hill and then be pumped up again.

The hill is seventy-five feet high and to

send the water up means a great deal of

power expended which would be saved if

the water was pumped direct from the

filter house to the city.

Mr. Barnett says that unless a new

pump is purchased that it will be impos-

ible to send filtered water to the city all

the time. The water works will not be

equal to the demand for water in the sum-

mer time and in order to meet the demand

it will be necessary to send water to the

city without putting it through the filter

house. Mr. Barnett asked for the im-

provement last year but the council

thought that the city ought to get through

another year. The engineer says the fact

that the season was a wet one and that

there was not a great demand for water to

use in hose and sprinkling parts helped

but that as it was sometimes found it

necessary to pump water to the city with-

out filtering it because the capacity was

insufficient to meet the demand.

Mr. Barnett suggests that a pump of

about four or four and a half million gal-

lons capacity be purchased. The Allis

pumps now used to send water to the

city are in good condition and would be

used to pump from the river to the filter

house. It would also be necessary to buy

four new tubs for the filter house and to

erect building for the new pump. The

improvement would probably mean an

outlay to the city of about \$25,000. Mr.

Barnett says, however, that this is a good

time to purchase machinery as it is cheap-

er than it has been for some time.

THATCHER, THE HYPNOTIST.

Miss Beatrice Leonard was Awakened

from Her Daylight Snooze.

Prof. Thatcher, the hypnotist, had the

people pretty thoroughly interested and

excited last week over his public demon-

strations by hypnotic power. He put a

number of boys under the spell and sent

them through the streets selling imagi-

nary peanuts and cigars, but the racket

caused too much of a disturbance, as the

crowds filled the streets and the police

interposed and put a stop to the street

business.

The crowning demonstration was the

act of putting Miss Beatrice Leonard

asleep in Cheap Charley's store window.

There was a crowd at that window all

day until late in the evening. At 8

o'clock the sleeping beauty was borne on

the cot to the stage of the Grand opera

house, and the people gathered to see if

the professor could awaken her as easily

as he had promised. Before the feat was

accomplished, by invitation to any doctor

to come forward, Dr. J. D. Wheeler went

upon the stage, and made an examination

satisfying himself that Miss Leonard was

still asleep. The professor first took what

stiffening there may have been out of the

limbs of the young woman, and then

FRANK BUTLER'S CRIMES

Story of the Murderer's Life as Told in His Own Words.

He is Now in Jail at San Francisco, But Will Soon Be Taken Back to Australia—A Monster in Human Form.

Frank Butler, of Australia, "the Monster of the Blue Mountains," has at last consented to tell the story of his life.

The true name of the accused man, according to his statement, is John Newman. He was born at Great Bridge, West Bromwich, Staffordshire, England, June 20, 1853. His parents kept a tavern known as "The Boat's Inn." At an early age Newman ran away from home and joined the British army. He served with honor and distinction in her majesty's service during the Zulu war in 1878-79, at the close of which he was awarded a medal for gallant conduct. He also served under Gen. Wolseley in the Egyptian war, and was decorated with the Egyptian medal for meritorious service at the battle of Tel-el-Kebir.

He deserted at the close of this war, coming to America, where he joined the United States army, and by an extraordinary display of ability was in less than two months made a petty officer. After a few months' service he grew tired of the close confinement and again deserted, going directly to Canada.

After traveling about the world for several years he finally wound up in Australia. It was here that his career of murder began, and the Australian officials assert that 14 murders have been traced directly to him, and he is suspected of others.

Butler reached Sydney in 1893, and was a prospector in the Blue mountains, about 100 miles north of Sydney. He was known in various sections of Australia under the names of Harwood, Ashe, Burgess, Clark, Simpson and Weller.

He masqueraded as Frank P. Harwood early last October, having assumed the name of a man who disappeared while in his company a month before. He advertised in a Sydney paper for a prospecting mate. Preston



FRANK BUTLER

a young student in Sydney university, replied to the advertisement, stating he had \$1,250. Butler represented himself as a mining expert and induced Preston to accompany him on a trip to Ema Plains, a small station at the foot of the Blue mountains, 40 miles from Sydney. There they left the railway station and struck out for the mountains. A few days later Butler returned alone, saying Preston was working northward.

Soon after Butler's return another advertisement for a prospecting mate appeared, this time with the name of Simpson, and on November 7 Butler again set out for Ema Plains, accompanied by Capt. Lee Weller, a ret rod master mariner. In about a week Butler was again back in Sydney and said that his mate was ill. The tortured suspicion, and Weller's friends became anxious and inquired about it. It was only then that the secret bearing their suspicions. A search party was organized to find the sick master mariner, and to the mountains this party went. On November 23 the coat of the master captain, the remnants of his pocketbook and other trinkets belonging to him were found beside the ashes of a campfire, near which were also discovered a pair of trousers, a black leather legging and a coat bearing Butler's name.

Preston's undershirt was found near Falcon bridge on December 1 not far from the camp where Weller's coat was found. On the following Tuesday Preston's body was found in a shallow grave at the head of Numatia gully, less than a quarter of a mile from the Weller camp. Preston had been shot through the head, his body had been stripped of its clothing and was doubled up in a narrow trench. The search for Weller was continued unceasingly until December 6, when his body was found beneath a small mound on the banks of Glen Brook creek, he having been buried in exactly the same manner as Preston.

While these searching parties were at work Butler had been located in Newcastle, at the Sailor's home, where he had registered as Lee Weller. Under this name he applied to Capt. Fraser, of the Swanfield, bound for San Francisco, co with coal, and was shipped.

Soon after this the Sydney detectives learned for the first time of the disappearance of Harwood, who also went prospecting with Butler, and of Leah.

Frank Campbell, a young man just arrived in August from England, answered one of Butler's advertisements, went with him to Hudges and has never been heard of since. A young man whose name is unknown, but who was a companion of Campbell, went out with Butler after Campbell's disappearance, and although Butler was back in a day or two nothing was ever heard of the stranger.

Butler adopted a uniform method in his murders. After reaching the mountains the victim was set to work digging for minerals, and when the hole was deep enough he was shot through the head, robbed and thrown into the hole.

IN NEW YORK SOCIETY.
One Hears the Cost of Everything Constantly Discussed.

"There is one pronounced bourgeois trait that strikes me very disagreeably in American society," remarked a foreigner of distinction, "and that is the constant allusion that is made to the cost of everything. It never seems sufficient to praise an entertainment, a dress, a picture, a jewel for itself—its money's worth is sure to be mentioned and it is that alone which seems to give it value in the eyes of this eminently commercial nation. Perhaps we, on the other side of the Atlantic, are quite as mercenary in reality, but it is not considered good form to show it so openly."

"In other respects I find American smart society quite cosmopolitan, differing very little from the corresponding sets in London and Paris; but this everlasting talk of what everything is worth, from a beautiful woman down to some article of attire, is most wearisome!"

"I went to a large function called a 'dinner-dance' the other evening and it would have been delightful if it had not been for the constant talk about money. My host told me the cost of his chef and his wines, and all but the very food I was eating. My hostess enlightened me as to the probable cost of many of the gowns worn by the women who were present and the estimated value of the different jewels. Even the daughters compared the prices of their pretty fresh toiletts with those of their friends."

"It is very curious that Americans do not seem conscious of this peculiarity, so very apparent to outsiders. It is essentially bad form."

This habit of discussing prices is much more noticeable in New York than anywhere else and has been frequently remarked upon by visitors from other cities. It seems odd that a society so charming in other respects and so up-to-date should commit the solecism of bringing an atmosphere of trade into the drawing-room.—N. Y. Tribune.

The Locomotive Whistle.

The locomotive whistle was invented because of the destruction of a load of eggs. When the country roads were for the most part crossed at grade the engine driver had no way of giving warning of his approach except by blowing a tin horn. The horn was far from being a sufficient warning. One day in the year 1833 a farmer was crossing the railroad track on one of the country roads with a great load of eggs and butter. Just as he came out upon the track train approached. The engineer blew his horn lustily, but the farmer did not hear it. Eighty dozen of eggs and 60 pounds of butter were smashed into an indistinguishable mass. The railway company had to pay the farmer the value of his butter, eggs, horse and wagon. A director of the company, Ashland Baxter by name, went to Alton Grange, where George Stephenson lived, to see if he could not invent something that would give a warning more likely to be heard. Stephenson went to work, and the next day had a contrivance which, when attached to the engine boiler and the steam turned on, gave out a shrill, discordant sound. The railroad directors greatly delighted, ordered similar contrivances attached to all the locomotives. This developed into the locomotive whistle as we now know it.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Philanthropy.

Old Dame—Why are you crying, my little man?

The Little Man—Please, sir, I—I—lost in—the ball.

"Well, well, don't cry. Here's sixpence to get another. Now tell me where you lost it."

"Please, sir, two de front window of your house, sir."—Pearson's Weekly.

A Reasonable Conjecture.

Mrs. Shallow—What a queer name for a fish—"smelt." I wonder where they come from?

Mr. Shallow—I can't say for a certainty, but I think they are of German origin and come from the Oder.—Boston Courier.

Touching.

"Behold," exclaimed the good fairy, "I touch thee with my wand and transform thee from beggar to prince." Subsequently, however, his beloved touched him without any wand and made him a beggar again.—Detroit Journal.

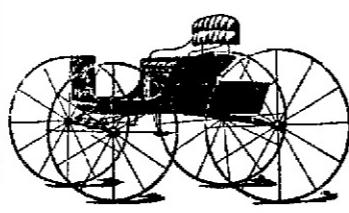
AN AFRICAN BATTLE.

Young Bull Fights and Vanquishes an Engaged Rhinoceros.

When I was on the Zulu frontier (said a traveler recently) I stopped for a week with a native, a splendid fellow, who had a fine farm, quotes an exchange. Among other animals he had a young bull, called Hulo, which he and his children fondly believed could vanquish any beast on earth. Hulo was a great pet and not in the least vicious, so I was surprised on the second evening of my stay to see Hulo sniffing the air and pawing the ground in evident rage. I was about to ask what it meant when out of the forest came an ugly rhinoceros. My host and I hurried for our guns and Hulo dashed at the beast with dauntless courage. A rush, a crash, and the bull was hurled 20 feet. Fortunately the horn of his enemy had not caught him, and the first rush had taught him a lesson. His horns were like sharp swords, but the hide of a rhinoceros is remarkably thick, and the young bull soon showed signs of fatigue. So he resorted to strategy, and dodged behind his clumsy foe, giving him vicious stabs in the thighs. This was rapidly weakening the rhinoceros, and just at this time we found some steel bullets (leaden bullets having no effect on this animal) and quickly completed the work Hulo began. Then the bull stood on the car cass and bellowed his joy.

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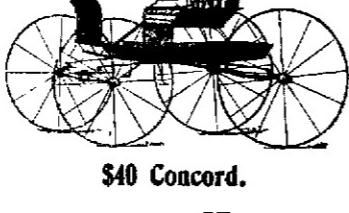
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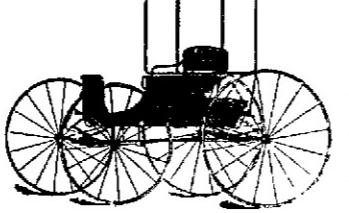
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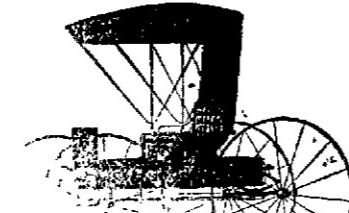
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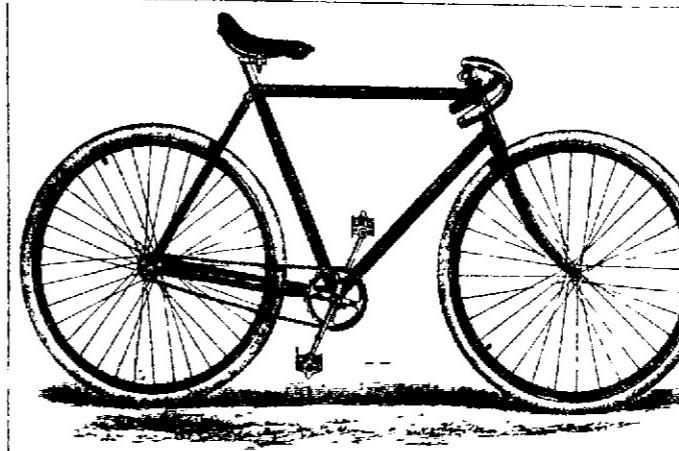
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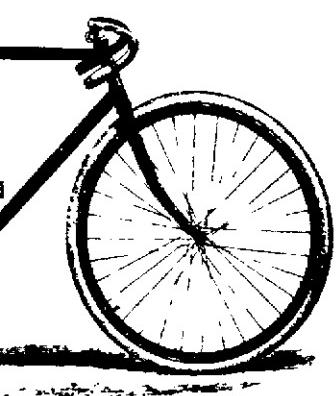
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LOCAL NEWS.

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Webb C. Foster at 1075 North Water street has on hand the best cuts of beef, veal, pork and mutton, etc., and a fresh and full line of all goods in his line.

In the county court Mont Vaughn was fined \$20 for theft and sent to jail for one day. B. K. Vaughn and family will move to Bloomington this week.

Grop and whooping cough are childhood's terrors; but like pneumonia, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of Grace M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. T. L. Antrobus, 538 North Main, on Tuesday, April 20, at 8:30 p. m.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedman, fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 223 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—1-d&tlf

Peter H. Brueck, the real estate broker, Saturday bought of Hattie E. Perry lots 12 and 13 in Gullick's addition on North Edward street. The consideration was \$2000. Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Perry have moved to Todd's Point on a farm.

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Gente, now is the time to look up your spring suit of clothes or overcoat and have them re-dyed, cleaned or pressed in first-class style by people who are experts and practical dyers and cleaners at Miller's Steam Dying and Dry Cleaning establishment, 146 North Main street.

In the recital given at the home of Mrs. A. B. Alexander on Saturday these pupils took part in the rendition of the program: Maude Carter, Florence Jones, Stella Brooks, Josephine Cozad, Lucile Bullard, Ardile Wood, Edith Sheldabarger, Nellie Ackerman, Adela Blackstone, Marie Powers. Also Mrs. O. E. Curtis, Miss Clark, Mrs. Denz and Mrs. Alexander.

A. F. Jenison's guessing contest was decided at his jewelry store on North Main street Saturday night. He had placed 277 stones of different sizes in a globe in his show window and took registered guesses free for two weeks. The best four were as follows: Jessie Buckwalter, 27; Walter Wissner, 278; A. Peterson, 275, and George H. Noble, 275. They were given a choice of jewelry in a try. The highest guess was 2006, and the lowest 15.

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EASTER SERVICES.

Held at the Different Churches of the City Yesterday.

SERMON TO THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

By Rev. W. F. Gillmore at Grace Methodist Church—Rev. Craft at First M. E. Church — Musical Programs Rendered.

Easter Sunday was well celebrated at the churches in this city. It was a day of music and flowers. At most all of the churches fine musical programs had been prepared by the singers. The attendance at the different services was large, many of the churches being crowded. There are a large number of persons who do not usually go to the church but who attend the services on Easter day and such was the case yesterday. The ministers preached special sermons and the choruses were all elaborately decorated with Easter flowers.

Sermon to the Knight Templars. The members of Baumanor Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, attended services in a body Sunday morning at Grace Methodist church, and the pastor, Rev. W. F. Gillmore preached a special sermon to the members. There were about seventy-five of the Knights in attendance and they were given seats in the front part of the church. The choir rendered special music, among the numbers given being a song "Easter Morn," by a quartet composed of Messrs. McClelland, Hodgins, Spence and Gher, and a solo, "The Easter Sunshine Breaks Again," by B. A. Gher. The church was decorated with palms, lilies and other flowers. The prelude to the sermon given by Mr. Gillmore referred particularly to the Knights. He spoke as follows:

"It matters little whether we assign the birth of Masonry to the times of Pythagoras or to the Dionysiac Fraternity 1044 B. C., to the Mithraic caves of the Persians to the Grecian temples, to the Roman Collegia, to the house of the Lord on Mount Moriah's height, to the Preceptors of the Templars, to the Crusades, to the charter of Athelstan, or to the Abbey of Kilwinning, the cradle of Scotch Masonry. Of one thing we are certain. The dust of centuries is on our records, and antiquity hides the beginning of our order. Distant regions and remote ages show us the Masonic footprint traced in the sands of time. Unaffected by tempests of war, storms of persecution, or denunciations of fanaticism, Masonry still stands proudly erect in the sunshine and clear light. It stands like some patriarchal monarch of the forest, with vigorous roots riveted deep in the earth and broad limbs spread out in bold relief against the sky. In generations to come as in ages past the sunlight of honor and renown will be light to linger and play amid its venerable branches. Masonry has not felt the shock that overthrew walled cities, well-preserved armies and mighty empires. Amid convulsions that rock the world she stands unscathed and unchanged."

"There are no self-destroying principles in Masonry that endanger its existence. The element of benevolence and brotherly love is too strong to yield to the influence of external causes. Other institutions have risen into fame, passed the zenith of glory, and retired to the shades of forgetfulness. But this order has outlived all opposition and is today as young and vigorous and efficient as it was a thousand years ago. Popes have issued their bulls against it, the church in some of its branches has prescribed its civil legislation, and frowned upon it, demagogues and traitors have heaped abuse upon it. Yet it lives. The golden chain that binds this vast brotherhood is not to be broken by might, nor by power, nor bribe nor torture. It seems to be imperishable. Like some mighty colossus it rears its head above other works and institutions of men and looks down on the wrecks of the past. The pyramids are crumbling; the palaces and courts of the Caesars are moldering in the dust. Athens and Sarta, Tyre and Sidon, all gone to dissolution. But Masonry, that antedates all these, remains unchangeable in her landmarks and undestroyed. Why? Because there is something in its mystic teachings, in its expressive symbolism, in its didactic principles and practical influences, which commands it to the brain and heart of our common humanity. Its aims, dedicated to God and the holy saints, are found among almost every tribe and tongue and people on the face of the earth. Its temples stand upon the mighty pillars whose base is wisdom, whose shaft is strength and whose chapter is beauty. It displays the intelligence of the Great Architect before whom all Masons uncover and bow at the mention of the sacred name whether it be the Jehovah, Jah of the Hebrews, the Bel of the Phoenicians, or the On of the Egyptians. In the name and for the honor of such an institution I greet you today and though I present you but a rough ashlar, I trust the workmen here assembled will assist me as I labor in the quarry that it may

become perfect. Full well I know that by the will of the master an apprentice may labor on until he reaches a level sublime. His superiors may mark well his progressive steps as he advances, to present his work good, true and square to the overseers, and he may close a happy palm over a well earned penny and hear the triumphant shout, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the head of the corner.' He may find oriental light shedding its beams on a rugged pathway, and though he may sit down and weep, with harp unstrung by Babylon's river, at the recital that tells how the cloud of sin obscured the pillar of fire and idolatry brought in the calf-worship of Egypt, the fire worship of Moloch, and the clandestine mummery of the heathen, his heart leaps at the voice, crying 'Good news, good news,' and he is permitted to go up to the holy city. Though he goes up by the way of the desert, though ruin greets him on either hand, a vision of beauty and glory is in his soul before whose reality, as it comes at last, he bows with brows reflecting the sacred fire, re-kindled on the altar, and takes of an old faith in the rested hands, eats again from the pot of manna, looks again on Aaron's rod, and hides his tears of gladness under the shadow of the long lost book of laws. He is hailed as a good master and in dazzling light he bows to worship. Him whose mercy endures forever. Entranced with the Alpha he goes toward the Omega, and is directed where his faith may be inclined to action, and arm nerved for war. Considering in the great name of Truth, he is bidden to go where legion of the foes of humanity wage battle, where widows are to be avenged and protected, where orphans are to be cared for and defended, where maidenly purity and innocence are to be guarded, where clanging steel may meet and kiss in protection for religion. As a true Knight he grasps that cross emblematic banner that has never trailed in the dust, his cry resounds about the conflict, 'In hoc signo vinces, and glorying in the title that was first given to the Knights Templars, 'Poor Fellow Soldiers of Jesus,' he gains a victory near Golgotha's dismal shade that robes and crowns and thrones and gladdens. O, Pilgrim Knights, champions of the faith, defenders of the tomb, conservators of the holy city, protectors of the holy sepulcher, soldiers of the cross, sworn friends of our holy religion, poor fellow soldiers of Jesus, guardians of innocence, protectors of the orphans, helpers of the widows, Sir Knights, I salute you in the name of I. N. R. I. and bid you God speed."

The intimate connection between Templar Knights and this glad Easter day unites this order everywhere in religious services. Founded at Jerusalem in the early days of the twelfth century for the protection of the holy sepulcher and pilgrims whose pious feet led them thither, for 800 years it was endured. No longer a military organization, with swords and spears contending, it has risen to a more spiritual height. It pledges its candidates to fight for the Christian religion. It builds its creed on the Nazarine of the gospel. It makes its chief ceremonies cluster around the incidents of Golgotha and Mt. Olivet. It glories in the Easter triumph of a resurrected Lord."

The prelude was followed by a sermon on the text, "He is risen."

Presbyterian Church.

Easter was a day of great importance at the First Presbyterian church. In the morning there was a large attendance. Communion service was held by Rev. W. H. Penhaligon and the two new elders, Dr. E. S. McClelland and P. P. Laughlin were ordained. Several children were baptized and a number were united with the church. Mrs. A. B. Alexander, the organist rendered a special program of music. The church was beautifully decorated with palms and lilies.

In the afternoon services were held for the children. The Sunday school orchestra rendered music. Reeves Scruggs gave a violin solo and Dr. T. S. Childs a vocal solo. The attendance of young people was 450. The little folks of the primary class also held exercises. At 6 o'clock in the evening the Endeavor society held service. The subject was hymns and hymn writers and the lives of the different ones were given and their hymns sung. In the evening a song service was held and a choir of about thirty voices under the leadership of C. W. Montgomery rendered excellent music.

The members of the Endeavor society of the church sent carriages to the aged members of the church so that they could attend the morning service.

First Baptist Church.

Two large audiences were present at the Baptist church, the one in the evening taking every seat on the ground floor. The pastor's morning sermon on "Easter Certainties," was a strong presentation of the indisputable fact of Christ's resurrection, and its consequences. It called forth many complimentary expressions. The evening song service held a large audience from the beginning to the end. The singing of the children was delightful. The two little soloists, Ruthie Burke and Elsie MacGregor, the pastor's daughter, deserve special commendation. The music by the quartet both morning and evening and of the orchestra in the evening were all of a high order.

Easter at East Park Chapel.

The day was enjoyed by all, the regular lessons were suspended and the time given to a special exercise, prepared by the program committee. The room was beautifully decorated with potted plants and on the platform was a large white cross that was used in one of the exercises, both

rooms were opened together, and every seat was filled. The balance of the Easter collection eggs were brought in and opened, and the total amount contained in them, found to be \$30.03. The following was the program:

Song—School.

Prayer—Superintendent.

Song—Choir.

Responsive Reading—Norman Coughlin and the choir.

Solo—Chas. Vanasdale.

Responsive Reading—Ethel Dimock and the choir.

Song—Choir.

Recitation—Eight Little Girls.

Duet—Lillian Kemp and Mattie Willis.

Responsive Reading—Lizzie McNeil.

Song—Choir.

Recitation—Twelve Little Girls.

Solo and Chorus—Ella Fagan and the choir.

Solo—Sadie Athons.

Solo and Quartet—Ella Spencer.

Offering.

Responsive Reading—T. Curtis and the choir.

Address—Superintendent.

Song—Benediction.

Rev. Frost at the First M. E. Church.

The large audience room of the First M. E. church was crowded Sunday morning and evening. Exceptionally fine Easter music was given by the large choir, directed by Prof. Lutz, and the selections by Miss Nichols, the organist were artistic, winning complimentary approval. A wealth of blooming plants and cut flowers decorated the rostrum.

At the morning hour Rev. Frost Craft, pastor of the First church at Bloomingdale, occupied the pulpit. He came to Decatur, while Rev. D. F. Howe went to Bloomington to preach the Easter sermon directed by Prof. Woodford, of the Y. M. C. A., who announced that Dr. Talmage would deliver an address at the tabernacle Thursday night in the interest of the famine sufferers in India. Rev. Mr. Craft read a scriptural lesson, and selected for his text the first verse of the first chapter of First Corinthians. The subject was "Fellowship," in families, in communities with individuals and finally with Jesus Christ. The sermon was from manuscript, carefully prepared and delivered with force and effect. At the evening service the subject was "Love." Mr. Craft is one of ablest ministers in the Illinois conference and while here formed many pleasant acquaintances and made an excellent impression. During his stay in the city he was the guest of Milton Johnson and family.

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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

City Election April 20, 1897.

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Attorney—JAMES M. LEE.

Treasurer—MONT PENWELL.

Aldermen—First Ward, R. E. WAGY.

Second Ward, F. M. YOUNG.

Third Ward, JAMES KEEFE.

Fourth Ward, ALBERT AMMANN.

Fifth Ward, J. W. KNOWLTON.

Sixth Ward, JOHN G. WATSON.

Seventh Ward, J. L. DRAKE.

REPUBLICAN JUDICIAL TICKET.

For Judge of the 1st Supreme District.

JACOB W. WILKIN, of Vermilion.

(Election June 7.)

For Judges of the Fourth Circuit.

(Three to elect—Election June 7.)

F. BOOKWALTER, of Vernon.

F. M. WRIGHT, of Champaign.

E. P. VAIL, of Macon.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, April 19—Fair tonight and Tuesday; colder extreme south tonight; warmer Tuesday; heavy frost tonight; northerly winds.

Weyler's present policy to declare the war in Cuba ended indicates that he may have conceived the notion that he is a hypocrit.

The Republican city central committee has been very diligent and has done splendid work in organizing the forces for the election tomorrow and if the ticket does not get a large majority it will not be their fault.

The Democrats in congress are divided only about 50 per cent being willing to follow the leadership of Mr. Bailey. The remainder seem to be irregulars who spend their time foraging or bushwhacking the regulars.

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formed, "my constituents certainly can't say now that I have not an eye single to their interests."

There is but one daily paper in New York City which supported Bryan in the last campaign and it tells ex Senator Hill that he is outside of the Democratic party and had better stay out as the party can make no use of sneaks. This is the same intolerant spirit that pervades the people who committed the Democratic party to the heresy of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 when the ratio is 32 to 1. It is found everywhere even in this district. When Mr. Caldwell, who was defeated for congress, found he was defeated, in a speech in Springfield said the party had no use for the gold Democrats and as they were out of the party the party would prosper best if they remained out. It was on this occasion that he announced that he intended to make another race for congress. We don't know how he feels about it now that he realizes that it will take votes to elect a congressman but it is certain that at the time he defied the gold Democrats he, like the New York paper regarded them as sneaks and traitors to the party. The gold Democrats opposed free silver from good motives. They regarded it as un-Democratic and simply a surrender of the party to a lot of Populists and agitators. They wanted to preserve the party from the effects of the heresy while Mr. Caldwell wanted to go to congress and was willing to sacrifice the honor of his party to get there and was pained because the gold Democrats refused to prostitute themselves and their party as he had done and abused them for being honest with their convictions. These men will remember Mr. Caldwell and when he comes up again as a candidate as he expects to they will take his advice and "stay out of the party" so far as he is concerned.

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Card from Candidate Knowlton. Eds. Republican: In the Bulletin of April 17th, appeared an article purporting to be a conversation with me on the subject of street cleaning. It quotes me as saying I was not in favor of paying \$1.75 a day to a man for leaning on a shovel, creating the impression that I was in favor of reducing these wages. The facts as stated by me were in effect that I was not in favor of the contract system unless there was an agreement in said contract guaranteeing no reduction in wages of the laboring man. I then made the remark that I did not believe in paying a man \$1.75 a day for leaning on a shovel, meaning by this that a man should do a good days work for a good days wages, and that the application of any man worthy of a day's work should receive some consideration regardless of his politics.

No one has sacrificed more than I have in the cause of labor, and it certainly would be unreasonable to infer that I am in favor of low wages. No laboring man need fear that I will vote to reduce his wages. J. W. Knowlton.

The polling place in the second district of the Sixth ward, has been changed from Carson's blacksmith shop, to the brick church, corner Leafland avenue and Warren street.

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Excursion to the Celebrated Coast Country The American Land company of St. Louis, Mo., who own large tracts of land near Houston and Galveston, in the "Diamond District" of Texas, have authorized us to say that they will refund the railroad fare of any parties who go down on the excursion of the 20th of April who may purchase land of them and who purchase tickets via the Wabash line to St. Louis or Kansas City. Choice of routes from these points. One fare, plus \$2 for the round trip. For particulars and maps address C. A. Pollock, P. & T. A., Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ill. —14-61

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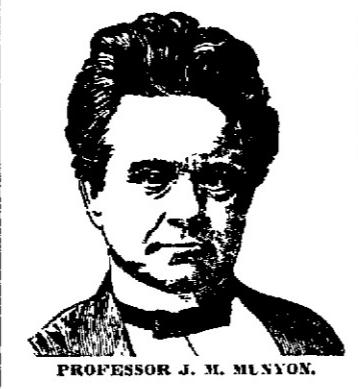
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Married. By Judge Hammer at his office, April 17, W. E. Gonterman and Miss Hattie B. Hurst. The couple will reside near Forsythe. They were guests at the St. Nicholas Saturday night and Sunday.

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200 dozen fine Turkish Towels, Bleached and Unbleached. They are cheap at 20 cents. For this sale each 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ 100 dozen Fine Linen Towels, hemmed and hemstitched. Size 45x33 inches. They sold at 25 cents. While they last 15 cents each. We will not sell more than 8 to one customer.

58 inch fine Bleached German Damask. You would consider these goods cheap at 75 cents a yard, but this week it goes at 50¢ a yd. 49¢

Checkered Nainsook in all the Newest Plaids, etc. A Fine Sheer Quality sold for 10¢ yd. While they last, per yd. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢

10 pieces of Apron 40 inches wide and 5 rows of Satin Stripes on edge. A decided bargain at 50¢ a yd. 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢

Pajamas Cloth the new soft finish checkered long cloth made especially for fine underwear. In 12 yard pieces per piece. 81.75¢

45x36 Heavy to Use Pillow Cases nicely made each 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢

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Two Bales Finest 38 inch Brown Muslin. A Cotton that can not be duplicated for less than 75 cents. Two bales will be sold at per yd. 47.8¢

One Bale of Fine 36-inch Unbleached Sheetings the regular 6 and 8 oz quality. One Bale at 80 yd; limit twenty yds. to a customer.



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ARTISTIC HAIR PULLING.

It Is All the Rage Now to Have the Eyebrows Plucked Out. "Want your eyebrows beautified?" asked the manicure girl, shifting her gum and her customer's hand at the same time.

"My eyebrows?"

"Yes. You ought to have some of 'em pulled out."

"Pulled out? Why, they're too thin already."

"Taint so much that they're spread over so much ground," judiciously.

"Well, pulling them out won't exactly concentrate their forces," with sarcasm.

The manicure girl shifted her gum and thought over the remark.

"You mean it won't make 'em any thicker?" inquiringly.

"That's what I mean."

"Well, maybe it won't right off, but it will after awhile. And, anyhow, it makes 'em look thicker if you'll have 'em in the line where they belong."

"Do you do it?"

"No. He does 'em," jerking her head over her shoulder toward the man who was curling hair across the room.

"Do you use an electric needle?"

"No — um. Don't know anything about it. We just pull 'em out."

"Won't they grow again?"

"Yes."

"And then you'll pull them out again?"

"Uhuh. After you've pulled 'em out several times they quit comin' in."

"Does it hurt?"

"Oh, a little. But gracious, that ain't nothin'! Some people has us to do a lot more'n that. You know how some people's hair grows down on their temples almost to their eyebrows? Well, we pull that out too. And we make the hair look as if it grew in a curve along the edge—understand? — by pullin' it cut in places."

"That's something new, isn't it?"

"Well, it ain't so new as it seems. We don't pull it out in the same places, perhaps, but it's an old trick. You know the way women used to wear their hair parted in the middle down over their ears? Your mother probably wore her that way. Well, there was lots an' lots of women who used to pull out the hair up in the middle, where the part began, so's to could make 'em have a pointed forehead. Women were pretty much the same then as they are now, I guess. Don't you think you'd like to have your eyebrows beautified?" shifting the gum and the hand for a final attack.

"Oh, I guess it would hurt too much."

"Well, if you mind that, we don't need to pull 'em out. We can just put sumpin' on 'em that'll make 'em come out of themselves."

"Why, how do you do that?"

"Oh, we just put that stuff in that bottle on with a little brush. All you have to do is to be careful not to get it on where you don't want the eyebrows to come out. We'll give you a beautiful arch in a few weeks. Better have it done."

"No, I b'ink not to-day."

"It's all the rage," says the manicure, with a final I-resign-you-to-your-fate toss of her head. Then, after her customer had departed: "Women are funny," she remarked to her crony. "That there one, for instance; she'll think it's all right to have her finger nails boiled and bleached and pointed and polished and cut off to a point, but if you suggest doin' any old thing to her eyebrows (which was a sight, too!) why, yo're almost insulted her delicate feel'n's! Dear me! These people makes me tired!" And the manicure girl took a look at herself in the glass and admiringly stroked the arches, of a black that fadeth not away and architecturally accurate in form, which testified to the extent to which the establishment could carry the "beautifying" process. She, herself, was a little extreme, as is the way of Grand street, but she told the truth. It is "all the rage" to have your eyebrows pulled out and otherwise coaxed or compelled into the proper line.—N. Y. Sun.

FOR THE HOME.

300 Bits of Information for the Housewife.

In furnishing a room, if the carpet selected or obliged to be used is of a mixed pattern and coloring, it is wise to have the furniture covering of a solid or very indistinct color. A negative shade in dull finished goods would produce a much better effect than a brocade pattern or lustrous showy material, and the lines of the frame should be simple, with little carving. Any tendency to confusion of style is to be avoided.

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These may be built along the wall, forming pigeon-holes about 14 inches square, duly labelled for each member of the family, and for linings and patterns. A chintz curtain fails to the floor in front of such a cabinet, whose convenience has only to be tried to be amply demonstrated.

To fry bananas cut them in halves lengthwise, dredge very lightly with flour, and slip without breaking into a clean skillet in which a few drops of olive oil have been heated. Turn only once, browning on one side and then the other. Send to the table very hot, on a folded napkin, sprinkled lightly with powdered sugar, or, if preferred, a few drops of lemon juice.

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Dr. Oscar Yarnell of Blue Mound, has moved to Oakley, Ill., where he will continue his profession.

When the spring time comes, "gentle Annie," like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Early Risers, famous little pills for the liver and stomach all the year round. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

A colored woman named Nora Owens was accidentally shot and killed at a dance near Peoria last Thursday night.

PERSONAL—The gentleman who annoyed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing will find instant relief by using One Minute Cough Cure, a speedy and harmless remedy for throat and lung trouble. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The Mackinaw high school will close on May 14, with a graduating class of four, Lewis Vawter, Frank Million, Iva Norris and Albert Long.

Thirty years is a long time to fight so painful a trouble as piles, but Jacob Mitchell, of Unionville, Pa., struggled that long before he tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which quickly and permanently cured him. It is equally effective in eczema and all skin affections. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Rev. Mr. Irwin has accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Deer Creek, and will begin his work there about the first of June.

A Beacon of Hope
To those afflicted with Kidney or Bladder Diseases is Foley's Kidney Cure. Guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The city council of Hapeston has just purchased a street sweeping machine at a cost of \$300. It was given a complete trial and operated very satisfactorily.

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers.
Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick and positive relief in all cases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The schools in Sand Prairie, in Tazewell county, which have been closed on account of whooping cough, have been reopened this week, the epidemic having subsided.

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Some mischievous person with a steel drill, bored a hole in one of the steel tanks of the Standard Oil company at Forrest, and a great quantity of oil escaped before it was discovered.

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A Popular Air.

The watchman woke from a sound sleep just in time to see a burglar go out of the rear door with a bag of booty.

"Heavens!" he cried, "the place has been robbed and I asleep. What shall I say to the firm to-morrow?"

And the burglar commenced to whistle softly: "Just tell them that you saw me."—Twinkles.

Desperate Wager.

"If you haven't been takin' a bath IT eat my hat!" declared Mr. Weary Watson.

"Guess I'll have to own up," assented

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W. R. Malcolm, of Knobell, Clay Co., Ark., writes: "Since I wrote you we have had a baby born to us. My wife took your 'Favorite Prescription' all through her confinement, and she had no trouble to mention. A stouter, heartier child was never born. She will be one year of age the 8th inst. and she has not been sick a day. Has not had as fever two or three days after birth. She has not had so much as a cold since she was born, although the attending physician told us she would have fever about such a time. Our physician remarked to me that they thought my wife had a fever, but I never knew. We think our good health due to the use of your medicines and of course told our neighbors. If I believe in anything as I do in your medicines, I like to recommend them."

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Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at
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On our SECOND FLOOR we have opened a New Department which is given over entirely to

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They are Splendid Bargains and it is well worth your while to go to the Second Floor any time that you are looking for Shoe Bargains.

These are a few of the prices which will show you that it will pay you to visit this Department:

NO. 1. Ladies' Dongola Shoes, Hand Welt Bottom, in Button and Lace, \$2.29, reduced from \$3.00.

NO. 2. Ladies' Dongola Button Shoes, in square toe, welt sole, \$1.69, reduced from \$2.50.

NO. 3. Ladies' Dongola Lace Shoes, machine sewed, Opera and Square Toes, \$1.44, reduced from \$2.00.

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In our regular stock we have all the best makes of Shoes in every fashionable style, and all widths and all sizes. We are headquarters for all that is best in Shoes and will take great pleasure in waiting on you at any time when you are in need of Footwear. We buy our goods right, buy them to sell and not to look at, and we know that we can please you in quality and price. COME AND SEE US.

FRANK H. COLE SHOE CO.

148 East Main Street.

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

King's Soda Fountain

Is now open for the season, in charge of a Soda Expert.

Largest and Finest Fountain in the City.

Cor. Main and Water Sts.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Drink Kola Vena at Irwin's.

Santa Bana new cigar at Irwin's.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kock.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent cigar, made by John Welgand. Mch 25 tf.

Irwin's fragrant toilet cream keeps the skin soft and smooth.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dif.

Did you feel the wind blow? Kuny, Johns & Strom write cyclone insurance, 124 North Main—1 dim.

Ask your druggist for the German Catarrh Cure a positive cure for catarrh, asthma, cough, colds and head ache. Mar 16 dif.

We are selling Chase, the best 5 cent cigar, Splendid and Hard Times, 3 for 5 cents. L. Chodat's News House.

J. M. Hughes & Co. at Durfee & Bros.' old stand have a choice stock of fresh garden and flower seeds. Give them a call. Feb 23 d&wif.

The Decatur fire department is often called upon to put out a fire, which they do with neatness and despatch. But they can't stop cyclone. Kuny, Johns & Strom write cyclone insurance 124 North Water—1 dim.

CYCLONE Insurance in first class companies. J. L. Drake, over P. O.

A FINE DISPLAY

Promised by Sleeth, the Photographer.

Mr. Sleeth promises something unique and novel in shape of an Easter opening on Tuesday afternoon and evening, April 20th at his studio in the Powers block. He will have on exhibition some pen and pencil sketches by Miss Mitchell, the latest clay bust by Crunnell, miniature and china painting by Mrs. Keefer and numerous other beautiful and novel attractions in addition to the largest and finest photograph display ever made in this city. Music from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 9 p.m.—16 dif.

ROBBERY OUTRAGE.

Mrs. Dr. Ann Beaman Believed of Over \$700 in Cash.

THREE MASKED MEN DO THE WORK.

Two White Men and a Negro Who Wore Masks — They Choke and Tie the Old Woman and Threaten to Burn Her Alive.

Mrs. Ann Beaman, aged 77 years, widow of the late Dr. Beaman, who has been residing alone in a large frame house at 1347 East William street, on a 40 acre tract of valuable ground, was the victim of a bold robbery and threatened torture Sunday night from 8 o'clock until midnight. The robbers were two white men and a negro, who wore masks and had revolvers. They succeeded in securing about \$670 in gold coin kept in a tea pot and also \$25 in currency.

The Alarm.

The fact that Mrs. Beaman had been visited by thieves and robbed did not become known until between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning, when the old lady, with bruised arms, wrists and bruised face, managed to leave her home and reach the residence of Jacob Greulicher, at the corner of Jasper and William streets. She awakened the family and told the shocking story of her awful experience, stating also that she had been robbed of all her money, part of the savings of many years. Notice of the robbery was at once sent by telephone from the Ray grocery store to police headquarters, and in a short time Marshal Mason arrived at the house to make an investigation.

Story of the Crime.
Mrs. Beaman, as stated, lives alone at her residence. She is a recluse and has but few if any callers. Only a boy has been about the place. He is Bernard Greulicher, son of Jacob, who does chores for the old lady. Sunday evening Mrs. Beaman was lying on a lounge in a back room of the house, adjoining her bedroom. She was engaged in doctoring a sick kitten. The hour was 8 o'clock at which time rain began falling. Outside it was dark and gloomy. Accustomed to being alone in her house, Mrs. Beaman felt no fear, although she had heard of Uncle Billy Florey's experience and must have felt that sooner or later she would be visited by robbers. If she did she dismissed all thought of danger and loss clinging to her purpose formed years ago to go on living alone. She told the story of her experience in detail first to Marshal Mason and later to Sheriff Nicholson.

While she was doctoring the cat and lying in a reclining position on the lounge the door to the room was suddenly burst open and three masked men stood in the dimly lighted room, one with a drawn revolver and another using a cloth over her face to prevent her from screaming. One of the men was a negro. He came up to the lounge, and first choked Mrs. Beaman to complete her subjection. One of the robbers was a large man. He did most of the talking. The party had a spade, a hedge knife and revolvers. They commanded the old lady to reveal the hiding place of her money, and fearing that she would be killed, she took the two white men up stairs in two empty rooms. The negro had gone outside to remain on watch and give the alarm in case anybody should approach the house. Near the big chimney upstairs Mrs. Beaman indicated where some money was hidden, but instead of putting his hand through the aperture one of the men used the hedge knife to cut away the boards. He then reached in and brought out a tin teapot, a pint vessel, which was nearly filled with \$10 and \$20 gold pieces to the value of about \$670. The robbers were not satisfied. They were sure there was more money about the house. They went down stairs with Mrs. Beaman, and in the cupboard near the lounge was found the old lady's pocketbook which contained \$35 in currency. The money was removed and the empty book left in the cupboard. The big man did all the talking and he worked his jaw industriously to further frighten and terrorize the old lady who protested that she had no more money hidden about the house. The robbers refused to believe her. One of the men went to the cellar and dug around in several places, bodies overturning everything that he thought might contain hidden treasure. Then a trip was made to the hen house where there was more digging.

Tied and Threatened with Death.
Finally the two men procured ropes and tied Mrs. Beaman's wrists together. Then they placed her on her bed, using a bridge to tie her feet to the bed post. She was covered over and again appealed to her to reveal where she had the rest of her money hidden. She had no more, and could not tell. There was a call for coal oil, but none could be found. There was a jug full near the cellar stairway but the robbers did not know where it could be found. Mrs. Beaman refused to tell. The robbers made blood curdling threats about what they were going to do. They said they had planned to burn the old lady in her bed, and would do it if she refused to tell where all her money was buried, and they would doubtless have carried the threat into execution had they been able to find the coal oil. It was then nearly

12 o'clock. The robbers had been in and about the house for nearly four hours. They had procured over \$700, and concluding that that was all the money Mrs. Beaman had secreted about the place they arranged to leave. Before doing so, they told the old lady that they would leave the negro on the outside to watch the house, and that if she managed to become untied and attempted to leave she would be shot dead. Then they went away.

In a few minutes after the departure of the two white men, Mrs. Beaman was able to untie the knots at her wrists, getting one hand free. Soon she got the rope off the other hand, and untied the bridge at her feet. But the threat of death, if she left the house, prevented her from opening a door to give the alarm. It was a distance of a block to the nearest house. Finally between 4 and 5 o'clock she picked up courage and reaching the Grenadier place she gave the alarm.

While Marshal Mason was at the house the patrol wagon brought Officers Indoden and Dempsey to the place, but they could not do anything, except keep the crowd off the premises.

Sent for the Blood-Hounds.

The people were kept away because it had been decided to use the bloodhounds, Rattler and Topsy, in the effort to run down the robbers. It was not expected that the robbers could be located, as the general theory is that the three men have left the city on some train. They had plenty of money to pay their fare. There was a long wait for the dogs as they had been sent to Arrowsmith, McLean county, on Sunday, and did not get back until this afternoon.

No Faith in Banks.

In her conversation with Sheriff Nicholson Mrs. Beaman said she had no faith in banks, and that was the chief reason she didn't keep her money in banks. But it is learned that she has an account with one of the banks, and does considerable business during the year. In an early day her husband, Dr. Beaman, was one of the leading physicians of Decatur and there are many elderly people in the community who remember him quite well.

Curious Crowd Out.

Since 10 o'clock today there has been a large crowd of people hanging about the Beaman place waiting for the bloodhounds to come. The curious people want to see the dogs at work. When they start from the house on the trail it will take all the police in town and then some to keep the crowd back, particularly those who were on bicycles or in vehicles. The frame dwelling stands in front of the street a considerable distance. It has been no small task for the officers to keep the crowd back so that the hounds may have a fair show when they begin to scent the trail of the robbers.

Dogs Didn't Come.

The hounds were expected to arrive at 2:30 p.m., but they didn't come. They cannot come until 3:30, at which hour the Republican goes to press.

WAS A WINDY EASTER.

The Women Appeared in New Clothes and the People Enjoyed Them in Spite of the Disagreeable Weather.

Sunday was not an ideal Easter day. The temperature was pleasant and it was clear in the morning and afternoon but there was such a high wind that it was very unpleasant. The ladies nevertheless blossomed out in new dresses and hats. Most every woman or girl on the street seemed to have a new dress or hat. The clothes were of all different colors, some being attired in pure white. The day was hardly satisfactory to the ladies. Those who had on new dresses did not look especially pretty in them as the wind blew so hard that it was all they could do to keep on their feet let alone showing off their dresses to advantage. The worst of it was in the evening when just about time for the churches to be dismissed it began to rain. Everyone was afraid that their new dress and bonnet would be spoiled and for a little while the street cars had more business than they could attend to. The amount of new clothes and hats purchased this year was large and the Easter trade was better than it has been for a number of years.

No Good for Wheelmen.

If the weather had been little more agreeable yesterday the day would have marked the opening of the wheelmen's season. Many trips had been planned and almost everyone who had a wheel expected to take a ride yesterday but the wind was so high that the trips were called off. Some of the wheelmen braved the strong wind but they didn't enjoy themselves as it was very difficult to make a wheel move against the wind.

Did a Good Business.

The livery stable men did a good business yesterday. One livery man said that he had rented out all his vehicles early in the day and he was unable to accommodate many persons who applied for buggies. Although it was not a pleasant day to drive more vehicles and horses were taken from the livery stables yesterday than any day this year.

Republicans go to the polls to-morrow. Nobody can do your voting for you.

Will Meet To-Night.

The members of the city council will hold their regular meeting this evening. There are some of the aldermen who will not be in the council chamber for many more meetings. After this one there will be a special meeting for the purpose of canvassing the vote of the city election and after that there will be another regular meeting to swear in the new members.

City election to-morrow. Polls open at 7 a.m.; close at 5 p.m. Vote early.

A Sprained Ankle.

Mrs. J. S. Barber, who resides in the 1700 block on Whistler street while returning home from a visit to a neighbor made a misstep, spraining her ankle and badly lacerating the ligament. She will be confined to her home for a week. Dr. H. C. Jones attended her.

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Seed Distribution.

New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 138 East Wood street.—9-d&wif.

EASTER SERVICES.

Held at the Different Churches of the City Yesterday

SERMON TO THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

By Rev. W. F. Gillmore at Grace Methodist Church—Rev. Craft at First M. E. Church — Musical Programs Rendered

Concluded from The Times

At All Angels Church the services at All Angels church yesterday were rendered strictly according to program published last week. There were two early celebrations of the holy communion at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. both of which were well attended. At 11 a.m. the most impressive service of the day was given being a full celebration and the music was finer and more elaborate than has ever been given in the church. There was a good congregation and everyone was surprised at the excellence of the music, and the impressiveness of the character of the service. In the afternoon at the Sunday school each child received a living plant as a present. Prizes were awarded for merit to several of the children.

At 7:30 evening the choir maintained its reputation for good work in the singing and Nuno Dimitrius by Louis and the anthem 'Awake up my Glory' was by surpassing themselves to the delight and gratification of the congregation which filled the church to the doors. At the first service the rector blessed a new set of altar cloths the result of earnest and faithful work of the altar guild a beautiful white stole in Lester gift to himself. There was a profusion of flowers and the altar was most tastefully decorated. A new Packard organ in which the woman's guild has presented from the Prescott Music company, was used for the first time and gave general satisfaction in the old instrument having become worn out. The entire music will be repeated next Sunday morning and evening for those who were unable to be present yesterday an opportunity to enjoy it. Mr. R. W. Chisholm's solo in the morning 'Jerusalem,' by Rodney, was highly appreciated and was received in exquisite taste.

Other Services.

The services at All Angels church were well attended yesterday. There was special music in the morning and evening and in the afternoon exercises for the children were held.

At the Congregational church the Easter exercises were held in the vestry and were under the direction of the Young Men's Sunday evening club. The services by the choir were accompanied by the orchestra under the leadership of Prof. W. W. Williams.

Special music was rendered at the morning service at St. John's church by Sibley, who were given by Miss Mae Harwood and Miss Julia Bassey. In the afternoon exercises for the children were held. A program of music and carols was given in the church with the choir singing.

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